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Subject: **Call for nominations – UNESCO/Juan Bosch Prize for the
Promotion of Social Science Research in Latin America and the
Caribbean 2017**

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your Government to submit nominations for the UNESCO/Juan Bosch Prize for the Promotion of Social Science Research in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be awarded for the third time in 2017.

The purpose of the Prize is to reward, every two years, the best social science thesis, written by young researchers in the Latin American and Caribbean region, which has made a significant contribution to the promotion of research in the social sciences that endeavours to improve social development.

The Prize was instituted by the Executive Board of UNESCO in 2009 at the initiative of the Government of the Dominican Republic. In creating this Prize, Executive Board recognized the remarkable contribution of Professor Juan Bosch to the study of social and political processes in the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean region. An author, politician, social analyst and fervent advocate of democratic values and a culture of peace in Latin America and the Caribbean, he made a particular impact in the Dominican Republic and the entire region.

It was awarded for the first time in 2012 to Ms Karen Nathalia Cerón Steevens (Colombia), in recognition of the quality of her research on youth violence in Central America. In the second edition of the Prize, in 2015, the laureate was Mr Manuel Olivera Andrade (Bolivia), in acknowledgement of the academic excellence of his research on the risk factors regarding the Bolivian government plan, launched in 2008, for lithium harvesting in the Salar de Uyuni.

In accordance with its Statutes, the Prize consists of a diploma and of a monetary award of ten thousand US dollars for the successful candidate. Both the Statutes of the Prize (Annex I) and the nomination form (Annex II) are enclosed.

An information flyer on the Juan Bosch Prize may be downloaded at the following link: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002238/223895E.pdf>

Nominations may be made, in English or Spanish, by the governments of UNESCO's Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions.

Nominations may also be made also by non-governmental organizations maintaining formal consultative relations with UNESCO. Nomination files should be submitted by 30 May 2017. Member States may not submit more than three candidates for any one edition of the Prize. No individual submissions will be allowed.

I should be grateful if your submissions could be made using the attached nomination form, which should be duly completed in Spanish or English and returned, together with supporting documentation on the work carried out by the candidate, to Mr Pedro Monreal González, Executive Secretary of the UNESCO/Juan Bosch Prize (UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector, 7, Place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris cedex 07, France, tel.: + 33 1 45 68 38 62; e-mail: pm. monreal-gonzalez@unesco.org), who remains at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Irina Bokova
Director-General

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cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO

ANNEX I

STATUTES OF THE UNESCO/JUAN BOSCH PRIZE FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of the UNESCO/Juan Bosch Prize for the Promotion of Social Science Research in Latin America and the Caribbean is to reward social science research work by young researchers in Latin America and the Caribbean which has contributed to stronger research-policy linkages. The purpose of the Prize is consistent with UNESCO's main policy lines and ties in with the Organization's programme in the field of the social and human sciences [overarching objective 3 in the Medium-Term Strategy (2008-2013), "Addressing emerging social and ethical challenges", and strategic programme objective 7, "Enhancing policy-research linkages on social transformations"].

Article 2 – Designation, amount and periodicity of the Prize

2.1 The Prize shall be entitled the "UNESCO/Juan Bosch Prize for the Promotion of Social Science Research in Latin America and the Caribbean".

2.2 The Prize shall be financed by the Government of the Dominican Republic and shall consist of a single donation of US \$125,000, which will concomitantly cover the monetary value of the Prize and the administrative costs for three biennia. Any interest accruing on this amount will be added to the overall contribution. The Prize also provides for the publication of the prize-winning thesis from extrabudgetary funds, if available, with the assistance of a publishing house and under the auspices of UNESCO.

2.3 All funds received and the interest accrued thereon shall be kept in a special interest-bearing account for the Prize.

2.4 All staff costs and all operating/management costs of the Prize, including all costs relating to the award ceremony and public information activities, estimated at US \$41,000, shall be fully covered by the Government of the Dominican Republic. To this end, the Director-General will determine a mandatory overhead cost amount to be applied and charged against the funds in the Special Account, which is to be established under the Financial Regulations for the Prize.

2.5 The Prize shall be awarded every two years, initially for three biennia. The Prize amount of US \$10,000 may be divided equally among a maximum of three prizewinners.

Article 3 – Conditions/Qualifications of candidates

Candidates shall have made a significant research contribution to the promotion of social science research geared to social development policy. The Prize shall be awarded to the author(s) of the prize-winning thesis.

Article 4 – Designation/Selection of the prizewinner(s)

The prizewinner(s) shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO in the light of the Jury's assessment of the nominations and on its recommendation.

Article 5 – Jury

5.1 The Jury shall consist of three independent members, of different nationalities and gender, appointed by the Director-General for a period of six years renewable. Representatives and alternates of Members of the Executive Board may not be appointed as jurors. Jurors involved in a

real or potential conflict of interest shall recuse themselves from further deliberations or be asked by the Director-General to do so. The Director-General may replace members of the Jury for any legitimate reason.

5.2 The Jury shall elect its own chair. Jurors shall receive no remuneration. A quorum of two jurors will be required for jury deliberations to proceed. The Jury's working languages shall be English and Spanish.

5.3 The Jury shall conduct its work and deliberations in conformity with these Statutes and with the assistance of a member of the UNESCO Secretariat, designated by the Director-General. Its members shall conduct their work individually and shall communicate with each other by email until a decision has been reached. Decisions shall be taken by consensus to the extent possible, and otherwise by a simple majority vote. A juror shall not take part in a vote concerning a nomination from his or her country.

5.4 The Jury shall meet every two years.

5.5 The Jury shall send a nominations assessment and accompanying recommendations to the Director-General of UNESCO no later than eight months after the date of closure of the submission of nominations.

Article 6 – Nomination of candidates

6.1 When UNESCO has received the funding of the prize, as indicated in Article 2 above, the Director-General of UNESCO shall officially invite the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, as well as from non-governmental organizations maintaining formal consultative relations with the Organization and active in relevant fields covered by the Prize, to submit nominations to the Secretariat of the Prize by 31 August at the latest.

6.2 Nominations shall be submitted to the Director-General by the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and by non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO. A self-nomination cannot be considered.

6.3 Each nomination shall be accompanied by a written recommendation, which shall include, in English or Spanish, *inter alia*:

- (a) a description of the candidate's background and achievements;
- (b) a summary of the work or the results of the work, publications and other supporting documents of major importance, submitted for consideration by the Jury;
- (c) a statement specifying the candidate's contribution to the Prize's objectives.

Article 7 – Procedure for the awarding of the Prize

7.1 The Prize shall be awarded by the Director-General at an official ceremony held for that purpose in Paris on the occasion of the statutory meeting of the Intergovernmental Council of MOST. UNESCO shall present to the prizewinners a cheque for the amount of the Prize. UNESCO shall officially announce the name(s) of the prizewinners.

7.2 If a work being rewarded has been produced by two or three persons, the Prize shall be awarded to them jointly. Any prize amount may not under any circumstances be shared among more than three persons.

7.3 The prizewinner(s) shall, if possible, give a presentation of the prize-winning works. Such a presentation shall be organized during or in conjunction with the award ceremony.

7.4 The work produced by a person since deceased shall not be considered for a prize. If, however, a prizewinner dies before he or she has received the Prize, then the Prize may be awarded posthumously (awarded to relatives or an institution).

7.5 Should a prizewinner decline the Prize, the Jury shall submit a new proposal to the Director-General.

Article 8 – Sunset clause – mandatory renewal of the Prize

8.1 After a period of six years, the Director-General of UNESCO, together with the donor, shall undertake a review of all aspects of the Prize and decide about its continuation or termination. The Director-General shall inform the Executive Board of UNESCO of the results of this review.

8.2 In case of termination of the Prize, the use of any unspent balance of funds shall be determined by the Director-General, in accordance with the Financial Regulations for the Prize.

Article 9 – Appeals

No appeals shall be allowed against the decision of UNESCO with regard to the award of the Prize. Nominations received for the award of the Prize may not be divulged.

Article 10 – Amendments to the Statutes of the Prize

Any amendment to the present Statutes shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

ANNEX II

UNESCO/JUAN BOSCH PRIZE FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Nomination Form

(To be completed in English or Spanish only)

1. Information about the nominator:

Note for the nominators:

1. A self-nomination cannot be considered.
2. A maximum of three nominations can be submitted by the government of each Member State.
3. Institutions wishing to submit a nomination are kindly invited to complete this form and send the original to UNESCO through the National Commission for UNESCO and with copy to the Permanent Delegation to UNESCO of the candidate's Member State. Please also send a scan copy of the file to the email address indicated in point 3.4 below.
4. If the nominator and the nominee are nationals of different Member States, it is recommended that the Permanent Delegation to UNESCO and the National Commission for UNESCO of the nominee's Member State be informed of the nomination.
5. It is necessary to sign or initial every page of the nomination form.
6. Nominators are invited to submit two letters of support, at least, duly signed, from an institution/personality, not related to the nominee, emphasizing the relevance of the nomination.

1.1 Nomination submitted by Member State

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| Country | |
| Nominator – entity presenting the nomination (Please also indicate the name and title of the official qualified to submit the nomination) | |

or

1.2 Nomination submitted by non-governmental organization (NGO):

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| <u>NGO/Foundation maintaining official relations with UNESCO</u> Name and acronym: Country: Responsible person: (Please indicate the name and title of the official qualified to submit the nomination on behalf of the NGO) |
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1.3 In consultation with the National Commission for UNESCO of:

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(Please indicate the National Commission for UNESCO through which the nomination is sent to the Secretariat of the Prize.)

1.4 Contact details of the nominator

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| Full address: |
| Post Code: |
| City: |
| Country: |
| Person(s) in charge (full name and function): |
| Telephone (please indicate country and city codes) : |
| Fax: |
| Email: |
| Internet: |

2. Information about the nominee candidate (if it is a group composed of more than one person, please indicate the name of each of its members)

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| First name: | Surname: |
| Date of birth (only candidates under 41 years old are eligible) | |
| Place of birth | |
| Gender | <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male |
| Nationality | |
| University level | <input type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D. |
| Education | |
| Profession | |
| Full address: | |
| Post Code: | |
| City: | |
| Country: | |
| Telephone (please indicate country and city codes): | |
| Fax: | Email: |

3. Information about the work to be rewarded/Recommendation

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| Subject of the research | |
| Geographical area of the research | |
| Time spent in the area to implement the research | |

3.1 Summary of the nominee's work and its results (175 to 350 words).

3.2 Evaluation of the candidate's contribution to the Prize's objectives and criteria as stated in the Statutes of the Prize (175 to 350 words). Please include external evaluation/appreciation reports, if available.

3.3 Signature and stamp of the nominator

3.4 Nominations should be submitted by 30 May 2017 at the latest to: Mr Pedro Monreal González, Executive Secretary of the UNESCO/Juan Bosch Prize (UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector, 7, Place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris cedex 07, France, tel.: + 33 1 45 68 38 62; e-mail: pm. monreal-gonzalez@unesco.org)